

General Assembly

Proposed Bill No. 6092

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING A VOTER GUIDE FOR STATE ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- That title 9 of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 Secretary of the State, in consultation with the State Elections
- 3 Enforcement Commission, to prepare a voter guide for each state
- 4 election and publish such voter guide on the Internet, and to provide
- 5 that the voter guide shall contain: (1) Photographs, biographical
- 6 information and contact information submitted by candidates who are
- 7 nominated or qualify as petitioning candidates for election to the office
- 8 of President of the United States, Vice-President of the United States,
- 9 senator in Congress, representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant
- 10 Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller,
- 11 Secretary of the State, State Senator or State Representative at the state
- 12 election; (2) three maps produced pursuant to the most recent
- 13 decennial reapportionment of General Assembly and Connecticut
- 14 congressional districts, showing the boundaries of state senatorial
- 15 districts, state house of representatives districts and state congressional
- districts; (3) a description of each office to be filled at the state election;

- 17 (4) an absentee ballot application in printable format; (5) instructions
- 18 regarding voting by absentee ballot; (6) information on the procedure
- 19 for registering to vote; (7) a voter registration application in printable
- 20 format; (8) the full text of each proposed constitutional amendment
- 21 that will appear on the ballot at the state election; and (9) the
- 22 explanatory text as to the content and purpose of each such proposed
- 23 constitutional amendment, that is prepared by the Office of Legislative
- 24 Research pursuant to section 2-30a of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a voter guide to help voters learn about the candidates in a neutral, nonpartisan forum.